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# BOOK REVIEWS

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THE DISEASES OF INFANCY AND CHILDHOOD. For the Use of Students and Practitioners of Medicine. By L. Emmett Holt, M. D., Sc. D., L. L. D., Professor of Diseases of Children in the College of Physicians and Surgeons (Columbia University), New York; Attending Physician to the Babies' and Foundling Hospitals, New York; Consulting Physician to the New York Infant Asylum, Lying-In-Hospital, Orthopedic, and Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled. D. Appleton Company, New York and London. Price \$6.00.

The third revised edition of Dr. Holt's book appears with many alterations, notwithstanding the short time since the second revised edition appeared, less than three years.

Not often has a book of this kind made such a record, having passed its fiftieth thousand. The changes in this edition while they do not touch upon the subject matter particularly important to nurse students, cannot fail to make the new edition interesting, giving it in some degree the claims of a new book. The didactic, preceptive and instructive features of our old friend remain untouched. A veritable sheet anchor in times of doubt,—none of the latitude that is useless to guide. If it be only the temperature of the ordinary living-room it is given at one certain degree—no variation for personal preference so much as mentioned, the inference being that there is just one degree right. The same admirable exactness is shown in suggestions for treatment under varying circumstances. If the order be a mustard-pack, there follows the rule—the exact quantities of water *and* mustard, the temperature of the water, the manner of applying the pack, the number of minutes the application is to remain, and so it goes, the careful teacher visible on every page. These are some of the reasons why Dr. Holt's book has been so popular with nurses, who make a large and appreciative class of his readers.